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SUBJECT: BULGARIA MARKS THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM TO ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN WITH CREATIVE

ANTI-TRAFFICKING CAMPAIGN

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Post outlines activities in response to reftel in U.S. Embassy Sofia E-Gram No. 6 "Bulgaria marks the 16 days of activism to eliminate violence against women with creative anti-trafficking campaign." The 16 day campaign served as a opportunity to raise the profile of an important partner, the National Anti-trafficking Commission, and push our agenda to protect women from all forms of violence, including sexual exploitation and trafficking. The Embassy partnered with the Commission to organize several events, including a campaign kick-off press conference, a presentation at a conference on prostitution, and the debut of the USAID-funded film, "Not My Life." The grand finale of the joint campaign was the Bulgarian premier of the documentary film, Cargo: Innocence Lost, by U.S. director Michael Cory Davis to a full house, combined with an award ceremony for a Bulgarian prosecutor for her efforts to combat human trafficking. Karagiannis